

### **Amendments to the Drawings**

The attached Replacement Sheets of drawings includes changes to Figures 1 and 3. In particular, Figure 1 now includes reference numeral 1 generally indicating the pedal assembly. Also, Figure 1 includes a schematic view of a sensor and associated reference numeral 32. This first replacement sheet, which includes Figure 1, replaces the original sheet including Figure 1.

Figure 3 now includes reference numeral 6 identifying an end of the shaft 3. This second replacement sheet, which includes Figure 3, replaces the original sheet including Figure 3.

### **Remarks**

The specification has been amended to set forth a claim of priority as is required by 35 U.S.C. 119 and 37 CFR 1.55. The specification has also been amended to ensure consistent use of terminology and reference numerals as well as proper use of antecedent basis. Due to the extent of the amendments, Applicant is also including a substitute specification with all changes incorporated into the specification. No new matter is being introduced through the amendments to the specification.

As discussed above, Figures 1 and 3 of the drawings have been amended to include some missing reference numerals. In addition, Figure 1 includes a schematic view of a sensor and associated reference numeral 32. No new matter is being introduced through the changes to these Figures.

After entry of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 2-5 and 12-25 will be pending in the application with only claim 12 being in independent form. Claims 2-5 have been amended to ensure proper antecedent basis, correct any potential indefiniteness, and to remove any multiple dependency. Claims 1 and 6-11 have been cancelled. Claims 12-25 have been added with many of these claims including the substantive limitations of the cancelled claims. No new matter is being introduced through the amendments and additions to the claims.

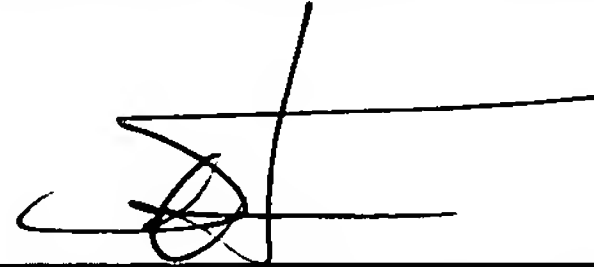
It is respectfully submitted that the application, as amended, is in proper form for examination.

Although no fees are believed due for the submission of this Preliminary Amendment, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 08-2789 for any fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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